

[English]

**Acquisition of Ships on Lease**

5913. PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering a proposal for engaging ships on lease instead of outright acquisition thereof under the new shipping policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Yes Sir, In the context of foreign exchange crunch, Government has been cosidering a proposal for permitting the shipping companies to acquire ships through cross border leasing. The details in this regard are yet to be finalized.

**Divisional Office of LIC in Nanded,  
Maharashtra**

5915. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTAPATIL:

	<i>Sum Assured (Rs. in Lakh)</i>	<i>No. of Policies</i>
1988-89	17570	67956
1989-90	25029	86349
1990-91	30052	102313

District-wise position is as under:-

<i>District</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Sum assured (Rs. in Lakh)</i>	<i>No. of Policies</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Aurangabad	1988-89	4132	15818
	1989-90	5765	19551

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased too state:

(a) the number of branch offices of Life Insurance Corporation of India functioning in the Marathwada region of Maharashtra;

(b) the quantum of business received, in terms of number of policies and the sum assured from Auramgabad Division of LIC, during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise;

(c) whether there is a proposal to set up a Dicvisional Office of Life Insurance Corporation of India at Nanded; and

(d) if so, the likely date by which it will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Twenty.

(b) The quantum of business in terms of number of polices and the sum assured from Aurangabad Division of LIC year-wise during the last three years is as under:-